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Docket No.: 01017/32953A  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: *Zsebo et al.*

Application No.: 09/604,325

Group Art Unit: 1647

Filed: June 26, 2000

Examiner: Bridget E. Bunner

For: METHOD OF STIMULATING GROWTH OF  
MELANOCYTE PRECURSOR CELLS AND  
TREATMENT OF PIGMENTATION  
DISORDER BY ADMINISTERING STEM  
CELL FACTOR

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111 IN RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 23, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a **non-final** Office action dated April 23, 2003. The response is due September 23, 2003, by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a two-month extension of time to respond. No additional fees are believed to be due, however, should any additional fees be due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Marshall, Gerstein and Borun account number 13-2855.

**Amendments to the Specification:** begin at page 2 of the paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.